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1. SUMMARY: SED SECRETARY GENERAL ERICH HONECKER PAID A "FRIENDLY VISIT" TO PZPR FIRST SECRETARY EDWARD GIEREK ON FEBRUARY 26-27. THE VISIT WAS REPORTED AS A CONTINUATION OF REGULAR MEETINGS BETWEEN THE POLISH AND EAST GERMAN LEADERSHIP. BOTH LEADERS, REFERRING TO THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOVEREIGN COUNTRIES AND FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE PROCESS OF DETENTE. A NEW POLISH-EAST GERMAN FRIENDSHIP TREATY REPORTEDLY WILL BE CONCLUDED SOMETIME IN 1977. GIEREK ACCEPTED HONECKER'S INVITATION TO VISIT THE GDR. END SUMMARY.

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2. BOTH TRYBUNA LUDU AND ZYCIE WARSZAWY OF FEBRUARY 28 CARRY FRONT-PAGE REPORTS OF THE VISIT OF SED GENERAL SECRETARY ERICH HONECKER TO POLAND ON FEBRUARY 26-27. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLES, HONECKER WAS INVITED TO POLAND BY PZPR FIRST SECRETARY EDWARD GIEREK AND THE TWO REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED POLISH-GDR RELATIONS AT LENGTH. HONECKER ALSO MET WITH OTHER POLISH PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS.

3. EXPRESSING SATISFACTION OVER THE PRESENT COURSE OF POLISH-GDR COOPERATION IN THE ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL FIELDS, BOTH LEADERS STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING "...LASTING, LONG-TERM ECONOMIC TIES" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THEY NOTED THE RAPID GROWTH OF TOURISM BETWEEN POLAND AND THE GDR AND CALLED FOR "...THE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF THE BIASES AND CONDITIONS FOR PASSPORT-FREE PERSONAL TRAVEL BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES."

4. GIEREK AND HONECKER AGREED THAT A NEW POLISH-GDR AGREEMENT ON "FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND MUTUAL AID" WOULD BE CONCLUDED THIS YEAR.

5. BOTH LEADERS STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROGRAM FOR PEACE DEVELOPED BY THE 25TH CONGRESS OF THE CPSU. THEY AGREED THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT TASKS IN THE FIELD OF DETENTE ARE "...TO TAKE CONCRETE STEPS TOWARDS LIMITING ARMS AND DISARMAMENT, COMPLETE REALIZATION OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, AND THE STRICT OBSERVANCE OF TREATIES IN EUROPE." GIEREK AND HONECKER ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WARSAW PACT'S BUCHAREST PROPOSAL ON NON NUCLEAR FIRST USE.

6. THE TWO LEADERS CONCLUDED THAT "THE APPROACHING MEETING IN BELGRADE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT SIGNATORY STATES MUST SERVE THE CONSTRUCTIVE CONTINUATION OF THE PROCESS OF THE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS IN EUROPE. COOPERATION WHICH IS USEFUL FOR ALL NATIONS MAY BE BASED SOLELY ON THE STRICT OBSERVANCE OF ACCEPTED PRINCIPLES AND NORMS FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES, ESPECIALLY RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND NON-INTERFERENCE

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IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, WITHOUT WHICH IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO BUILD THE MUTUAL TRUST NECESSARY FOR FRIENDLY EXCHANGES AND THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE."

7. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THAT THE GIEREK-HONECKER MEETING TOOK PLACE OUTSIDE WARSAW, SINCE PRESS REPORTING DOES NOT SPECIFY LOCALE. MOREOVER, THERE WERE NONE OF THE USUAL WARSAW INDICATORS, SUCH AS FLAGS AND MOTORCADES, TO SIGNAL A HIGH LEVEL VISIT.

END COMMENT.

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